

GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION
Commission Meeting
5:00 p.m. Thursday, January 23, 2020

The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at the Maritime Security Operations Center meeting room in West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana.

Following the Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called.

PRESENT

Ms. Cunard
Mr. Davis
Mr. DeLaune
Ms. Hurst
Mr. Johnson
Mr. Juneau
Mr. Kelly
Mr. LeBoeuf
Ms. Machen
Mr. Medine
Ms. Robertson
Mr. Seneca
Mr. Stevens
Mr. Watts

ABSENT

Mr. Chabert

Agenda Item 4 - Approval of minutes of a Commission meeting held on Thursday, December 12, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. DeLaune, seconded by Mr. LeBoeuf, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 5 - Public Comments: Comments from the public regarding any/all of the agenda items listed below will be accepted at this point in the meeting. The meeting chairperson may also allow further comments from the public as and when each agenda item is considered during the meeting process.

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 6 - Monthly Engineering Report

Mr. White presented the monthly engineering report.

- A. Discussion and appropriate action regarding advertising the Inland Rivers Marine Terminal Dock Repairs and Curbing Project for bids.

Mr. White addressed the Board by stating the estimated cost for the Inland Rivers Marine Terminal Dock Repairs and Curbing Project is \$1,078,769.00, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members. Mr. White and port staff recommend moving forward with the bid process for the project.

On a motion by Mr Stevens, seconded by Mr. Juneau, the Commission unanimously approved to bid the Inland Rivers Marine Terminal Dock Repairs and Curbing Project with the estimated cost of \$1,078,769.00, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 7 - Discussion and appropriate action concerning entering into an equipment rental agreement with Ports America Louisiana, LLC for the container handler at the Inland Rivers Marine Terminal in connection with the container on barge operation.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Medine, seconded by Ms. Machen, the Commission unanimously approved entering into an equipment rental agreement with Ports America Louisiana, LLC for the five-high reach stacker at the Inland Rivers Marine Terminal in connection with the container on barge operation, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 8 - Discussion and appropriate action regarding approval and ratification of contracts, and payment, for December dredging activities at the Port's General Cargo Dock No. 1 in the amount of \$107,402.26 out of the Port's Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund account.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Ms. Cunard, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the Commission unanimously approved ratification of contracts, and payment to Pine Bluff Sand and Gravel, for December 2019 dredging activities at the Port's General Cargo Dock No. 1 in the amount of \$107,402.26 out of the Port's Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund account, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 9 - Discussion and appropriate action regarding entering into an agreement with Greentech Materials, LLC granting them an exclusive right for 90 days to enter into an option to lease approximately 163 acres west of Genesis Facility at the Inland Rivers Marine Terminal.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Ms. Cunard, seconded by Mr. Watts, the Commission unanimously approved entering into an agreement with Greentech Materials, LLC granting them an exclusive right for 90 days to enter into an option to lease approximately 163 acres west of Genesis Facility at the Inland Rivers Marine Terminal for producing and storing renewable fuel products and bulk liquids, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members. Mr. Hardman stated that Port staff would return to the Board with an Option defining the terms of the lease, a time period for them to further explore their project, obtain financing, and then ultimately sign the lease if they so choose.

Agenda Item 10 - Discussion and appropriate action as may be required regarding entering into Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with Chambers of Commerce within the port jurisdictional area and other maritime and trade associations for FY 2020.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. LeBoeuf, the Commission unanimously approved entering into Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with Chambers of Commerce within the port jurisdictional area and other maritime and trade associations for FY 2020, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 11 - Financial Report

Ms. LeBlanc presented the monthly financial report. No action was required.

A. Presentation and appropriate action on the 2020 Budget.

Ms. LeBlanc presented the 2020 Budget, as outlined in documentation presented to all Committee members.

On a motion by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Ms. Robertson, the Commission unanimously approved the 2020 Budget as presented and outlined in documentation presented to all Commission members.

Agenda Item 12 - Other matters

Mr. Hardman addressed the Commission, for informational purposes only, with an update on the merger of the Port of Greater Baton Rouge and the Port of Pointe Coupee. No action was required.

Agenda Item 13 - Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary: Bob Kelly

President: Brenda R. Hurst

Date approved: February 27, 2020